
Medication Reference:

Diazepam (Valium)

Class

- Anticonvulsant.
- Sedative.

Actions

A skeletal muscle relaxant that reduces the incidence and recurrence of seizures, induces hypnosis and sedation.

Indications

- Sustained or recurrent seizures.
- Pre-cardioversion.
- Conscious patient during transcutaneous pacing.

Protocol Reference

B4, B5, B6, D5, E6, F1, G6, P1



Contraindications

Hypersensitivity.

Precautions

- Respiratory depression may occur with IV administration.
- Use with caution in pregnant patients, persons ingesting alcohol, or person ingesting sedatives.

Adverse Reactions

- Lightheadedness.
- Ataxia.
- Confusion.
- Slurred speech.
- Impairment of mental and psychomotor functions.

Adult Dosage / Route

2 - 10 mg slow IV push in 2 mg increments over a 2 - 5 minute period.

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Pediatric Dosage / Route

- 0.2 mg/kg slow IVP/IO at a 1mg/minute rate.
 - Maximum total dose of 5.0 mg.
- 0.5 mg/kg rectal dose
 - Maximum total dose of 10.0 mg.